

# Hawai'i Volcanoes

National Park Service  
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Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park  
Hawai'i



## Park Unit

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park was established on August 1, 1916. The park is located in the state of Hawai'i, on the southeastern part of the island of Hawai'i. The Superintendent is Cindy Orlando.

## Purpose

The mission of the park is to preserve for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations, the significant resources that reflect Hawai'i's geological, biological, and cultural heritage. These resources demonstrate the powerful and awe-inspiring volcanic forces that create new land and the unique adaptations of plants, animals, and people to that land.

## Resources

In recognition of its outstanding values, Hawai'i Volcanoes has been designated an International Biosphere Reserve (1980) and a World Heritage Site (1987).

## Geological

Hawai'i Volcanoes extends from sea level to 13,677' (4,169 meters) and encompasses the summits and rift zones of two of the world's most active volcanoes, Kilauea and Mauna Loa. Kilauea has been in nearly continuous eruption since 1983; Mauna Loa last erupted in 1984. Volcanic features found within the park include calderas, pit craters, cinder cones, spatter ramparts, fumaroles, solfataras, pahoehoe and 'a'a lava flows, tree molds, lava tubes, black sand beaches, and thermal areas.

## Biological

The park's seven ecological zones (seacoast, lowland, mid-elevation woodland, rain forest, upland forest, subalpine, and alpine) harbor distinct plant and animal communities. The park is home to many engaging creatures (happyface spiders, carnivorous caterpillars, picture wing flies, honeycreepers, etc.) and a refuge for many endangered species (hawksbill turtle and Hawaiian goose, dark-rumped petrel, hawk, and hoary bat).

## Cultural

The park perpetuates the island's native culture and protects numerous and significant archeological sites—tangible reminders of an indigenous people forever linked to this land.

## Statistics

### Size

333,000 (approx.) acres (134,800 hectare)  
60 mi (96 km) of paved roads and 119 mi (191 km) of marked trails

### Staffing

95 full-time employees

### Annual Visitation

2,564,761 recreational and non-recreational visitors in 2003

### Budget

\$5,597,000 annual operating program

## Other Agencies & Organizations

U.S. Geological Survey, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory  
U.S. Geological Survey BRD, Kilauea Field Station  
U.S. Forest Service Biological Quarantine Facility  
Stanford University – Hawai'i Ecosystems Project  
Volcano Art Center  
Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park  
Kilauea Military Camp  
Ken Direction Corporation d.b.a. Volcano House  
Hawai'i Natural History Association

## Congressional District

Park is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Hawai'i—Sen. Daniel Akaka (D), Rep. Ed Case (D)  
1<sup>st</sup> District representatives—Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D), Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D)

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